

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

September 16, 1965

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. BUNDY

Subject: Public Statements on MOL and Military Use of Space

I think that you will find the attached public statements on the MOL and the military use of space useful background for your discussions of this problem with Harry Schwartz and Norman Cousins.

There is no question that our obligation under the U. N. Declaration (attached) relates only to the stationing of weapons of mass destruction in space. President Johnson reiterated our intention to live up to the agreement in his statement (attached) on the decision to proceed with the development of the MOL.

I would not be surprised, however, if Schwartz and Cousins referred to some of the attached material in an attempt to build the case that both President Kennedy and President Johnson had previously made implied commitments that outer space should be used only for peaceful purposes. Note, for example, President Kennedy's statement before the 16th General Assembly on September 25, 1961 (red tag). While President Johnson's statements constantly refer to the commitment for the peaceful use of space, I didn't find any that suggested that the military should be excluded from space.

Is there anything that I can do for you for your meeting tomorrow with Harry Schwartz?

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P.S.

Note particularly the excellent statement by Vice President Johnson in May 1962 to the Second National Conference on the Peaceful Uses of Space. (last attachment red tag)